

Maine CDC Health Inspection Program



Best Practices for Re-Opening Retail Food Establishments During the COVID-19 Pandemic

BE HEALTHY, BE CLEAN



Stay home, if sick.



<u>Check for symptoms</u> like fever, cough, difficulty breathing, and consider conducting health checks prior to starting work.



Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



Don't touch Ready-To-Eat foods with bare hands.



Wear cloth face coverings if Personal Protective Equipment is not required. Check State or local guidelines.

CLEAN & DISINFECT



Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and common use areas more frequently, such as door knobs and handles, display cases, check-out counter, order kiosks, grocery cart handles, restrooms, and waiting areas.

Clean and sanitize equipment like ice machines and ice bins.



Prepare and use sanitizers and disinfectants according to label instructions.



Avoid high-touch containers and items like ketchup bottles, utensils, salt/pepper shakers, and reusable menus by using single service items, when possible.

PICK-UP & DELIVERY



Maintain food time and temperature controls.



Initiate "no touch" deliveries and payments.



Designate pick-up zones.

PHYSICAL FACILITY



Ensure premises are operational and in good working order.



Clean, disinfect, and sanitize throughout the facility before re-opening.



Monitor for pests.